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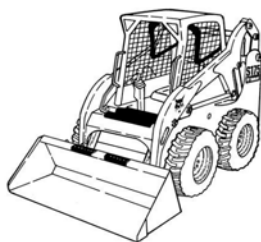
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From the President

I wish to thank everyone who worked towards making the 2024 Gidge Show the great success it was and congratulate every sponsor, contributor and exhibitor - those who won this year and those who will win next time.

OVERVIEW

There was a lot of goodwill, people were happy, the weather was good, the entertainment and music were great, the livestock and exhibitions interesting, and the 2024 Gidgegannup Agricultural Show (*The Country Show on the City Doorstep*) did an excellent job of reminding the public what an AGRICULTURAL Show is all about.

It may have looked good but traffic management, the perennial Gidgegannup problem of inadequate service from the Telstra Network, leading to payment problems at the gates and computers going offline plus having only one ATM caused major challenges and need the serious attention which has already begun.

Food vans ran out of food (*presumably they stocked up based on last year's turnover*), the Men's Shed sold out of artefacts, *the CWA have never baked so many scones ...* reports are still coming in.

The somewhat contentious new layout involving the Ian Stannard Pavilion, the Hall and the GAS/CWA/CoS Marquee in the end was judged a success; the extra area took pressure off the Hall and allowed the children's entries to be displayed and viewed in comfort, but more thought will be needed for 2025. The degree of co-operation between the Men's Shed, the CWA and the City of Swan was appreciated and in the spirit of the Objects of the GAS Constitution.

2024 has been a difficult year with many necessary uncomfortable changes being instituted but the Committee has made a fair start and intends to continue this upward and expanding trend, culminating in the 2025 Show.

The Show is over ... but the work has to continue!

Jaded Committee members will be clearing up, paying bills, thanking huge numbers of contributors, report writing, etc, for quite a while yet.

GOING FORWARD

Outside observations are very enlightening. Things went wrong - they always do; sometimes funny, sometimes frustrating, sometimes a bit more serious. *Why didn't something work out? What's a way to stop it happening again?* Please share your suggestions. Join the Gidgegannup Agricultural Society, nominate for the Committee and help make things better, safer, more interesting. Already offers of assistance are being received which is most encouraging.

Major planning is needed to keep the Gidge Show on track to achieve continued improvement in 2025 and to raise its profile even further. Bureaucracy is impinging on everything, everywhere, and fresh personnel with business

experience are needed on Committee to help navigate the maze, along with computer-literate people with ideas, good communication skills and a positive outlook to undertake Grant applications, to seek sponsorships, and to institute new entertainments involving local groups.

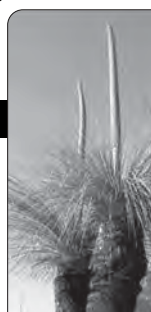
BEWARE OF FAKE NEWS!

These days there is a propensity for rumours and reports to circulate rapidly on social media and continual clear statements of progress from the Agricultural Society itself are essential. Wanted: A new tech-savvy, GAS Committee Member to keep authentic GAS information constantly updated on Facebook.

Please contact the GAS Secretary at secretary@gidgeagsociety.com.au to register your interest.

For the first time in the current incarnation of the Gidgegram, December and January editions will be published which will enable GAS to report on the progress of strategies towards the achievement of its 2025 aims.

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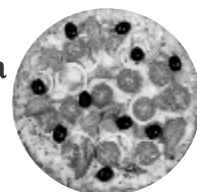
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Basketball Club is thrilled to announce that we have 20 teams playing in the 2024/25 season - our 35th summer season at Hills Raiders Basketball Association.

During the last two years, we have experienced exponential growth across all age groups, reaching registration numbers not seen since 2016/17. We now have almost 150 players and more than 30 volunteers proudly wearing our distinctive red and royal blue uniforms across the three game days. With primary and high school-aged players as well as senior players travelling from as far as the Swan Valley and Toodyay and all across the Hills, our catchment area has broadened significantly. In addition, we have seen a huge surge in female participation rates, with female players making up nearly 40% of our current member base. Excitingly, this includes two teams participating in the inaugural U10 Girls competition (pictured).

This season, in the junior grades, we are represented by six U10 teams (Pre-Primary to Year 3), two U12 Boys teams



Our two teams participating in the inaugural U10 Girls competition

and one U12 Girls team (Year 4 & 5), three U14 Boys teams and two U14 Girls teams (Year 6 & 7) and one U16 Boys team (Year 8 & 9). In the senior grades, we have one Men's team, two Mixed teams & two Women's teams.

With our motivated 11-person committee working hard behind the scenes to foster future growth and strengthen our sense of community, we hope to see the number of teams continue to rise steadily over the coming years.

Recent club accomplishments include modernising our logo (*thanks to Erin Byrne Art*), introducing updated uniforms for our coaches (*big thanks to our fantastic sponsor, Gidgegannup family-owned business MBC, (Mitchell Byrne's Contracting)* revamping our social media and roadside signage, and, for the very first time, launching a range of branded merchandise. Other plans include bringing to life new player uniforms, hosting more social events for our members and the local community, as well as offering a variety of development opportunities to our coaches and players.

Last year, we secured funding from the Eastern Metropolitan Regional Council (EMRC) for an impressive honour board commemorating past executive committee members and life members since our founding in 1990.

This important piece of Gidgegannup Basketball Club history will be revealed at our annual summer wind up in April and afterwards placed on display in the Allan Lockwood Room at the Gidgegannup Recreation Club.

We are actively looking for new sponsors to support a number of upcoming projects. If you're interested in learning about our sponsorship opportunities, please send us an email gidgebasketball@gmail.com.

If you would like to be added to the invite list for our honour board reveal, be involved with our social events or get more information on joining our club, we'd love to hear from you. You can keep up with all our club announcements via our new Facebook page (www.facebook.com/gidgebasketballclub) and website, (*coming soon*). You can also support our fundraising efforts by purchasing club merch here:

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Pat's Chat

PAT HARDING,
GIDGEGANNUP SHOW COMMENTATOR.

I've had the pleasure of commentating at the Gidge Show for many years and over that time we've had some great shows but I have to say the 2024 Show was the best yet.

New President Marcus Hemsted and his Committee did a wonderful job of coordinating the grounds for easy access for showgoers; for example all the food vendors were located together on the Southern side of the ground adjacent to Burgo's Bar, making it so much easier to access food and drink.

The Gidge Men's Shed had a great exhibition in the Ian Stannard Pavilion with some first class demos and, for the first time, around the southern side of the oval there were a large number of marquees offering a variety of activities & produce.

Without doubt one of the standouts was the Ag Soc/CWA/ City of Swan Marquee alongside the main Hall housing all the children's exhibits. The CWA has been a stalwart of the country community for 100 years and is as relevant today as it was all those years ago.

The Rustic Farm Art continues to produce some excellent sculptures and it's really amazing to see such talent using scrap metal. I have a personal interest as my son Sean won the People's Choice award at the 2023 Show.

There's little doubt that the Gidgegannup Show will go from strength to strength but to do so one very important commodity is needed – volunteers; volunteers are the lifeblood of any successful venture. Whilst we had a large number of volunteers this year we always need more, so if you came to the Show and would like to participate as a volunteer, just contact one of the Committee Members and you will be welcomed with open arms and looked after very well.

I really enjoyed this year's Show and look forward to getting behind the microphone for the 79th Gidge Show in 2025.

Gidgegannup Recreation Club

The Recreation Club has a busy month coming up so save the dates and come along and join us.

Coming Events...

Swap Meet

Sunday 21st November.

7 am for sellers - fee \$10

8 am for buyers - entry fee \$2

A sausage sizzle will be available.

Indoor Bowls

Friday 29th November 6pm

The bar will be open and food available.

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Snake awareness and safety in the Perth Hills

Ali Lawton, Ali's Reptile Relocations.

It's "snake season" again here in the Perth Hills and all that really means is that it's warm enough for our native snake species to be on the move again after a season of brumation (a dormant period for reptiles of hibernation in mammals). It doesn't get cold enough in Perth for snakes to fully hibernate and they are seldom seen during the cooler months, more commonly in the warmer months. I have personally met many folks in the Hills who have lived here for thirty plus years and only seen one or two snakes.

My opinion is of course up for conjecture but from what I have observed, our two most common species of snake *Pseudonaja affinis*, more commonly known as the Dugite, and *Pseudonaja mengdeni* more commonly known as the Gwardar, seem to be quite shy when it comes to human contact. They would rather move away from conflict than stand and fight ... unless of course they feel backed into a corner in a confined space.

We also have *Notechis scutatus*, the Tiger Snake, more in the foothills and along some creek lines in lower Gidgegannup, but to my knowledge rarely seen elsewhere up in the Hills. This species is touted far and wide to be one which chases people, but something which is true of all three aforementioned species is that they are highly movement-sensitive and reactive. It is therefore important to consider our level of movement should we ever encounter a snake and move as slowly as we can around it.

Here are my personal top tips for snake safety this warm season, information I regularly share when attending relocations:

- wear appropriate clothing outside – closed-in shoes and long pants puts you in an infinitely higher level of snake safety during the summer, especially in long grass and enclosed sheds where snakes can be less visible,
- reduce food waste around livestock – common areas snake relocators are called to are aviaries and chicken pens.

Whilst the larger Southwest Carpet Pythons (*non-venomous*) will enjoy smaller poultry species as a meal occasionally, snakes are more commonly attracted to rodent populations who feed on excess scrap waste that chickens do not eat, bird seed and open chook feeders. Doing your research and setting yourself up to

minimise waste will hopefully reduce your rodent issues and in turn, the likelihood of unwelcome visitors to these areas.

Be prepared – keeping up to date with the current first aid for snake bites and having the right kind of bandages in accessible places during the warmer months can help you feel a lot calmer about the prospect of coming across a snake. Chances of being bitten, though minimal, are not impossible but if you practice the right first aid treatment and get to hospital fast, chances are remarkably high for survival.

When it comes to calling a snake relocater, please have multiple numbers saved on your phone. Many relocators have a main job so we cannot be available at all times - you may need to call a few. And please do not leave the area if possible, as



Dugite (*Pseudonaja affinis*)

our chances of being able to relocate the snake for you reduce significantly if the snake is out of sight. As mentioned at the beginning of this article, snakes do not wish to interact with us and will take their chance to get away quickly if they feel they've been spotted. The exception to this is the Southwest Carpet Python, who (especially after having eaten a chicken) will be slowly digesting and hanging out because there is no escape with a big belly!

The Susannah Wooroloo Catchment Group is fortunate to have two members with snake relocation skills - Rico Schmidiger (0418 956 769) and myself Ali (0488 488 752), although there are several other skilled people in the area.

I hope you have a snake-free "snake season", unless you happen to be looking for them, like me!

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Kambarang, October / November is the Noongar season for this time of the year. It corresponds with the wild-flower season, the season of birth for nesting birds when the weather changes from cool to a warming trend. Rain decreases.

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October / November season bush food collecting. Xmas tree is blossoming.

The Friends group will continue to work to preserve this special place of remnant vegetation. Weeding and rubbish pickups are done when required. But most of all it is always enjoyable just to be amongst nature.

Around April next year we will begin preparing for planting more native plants in late May, June and July.

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Fellow exhibitors then followed up by achieving Most Points over all the Hall Sections, with many excellent entries (including a tie for Most Points in the Home Grown Section and a Best Exhibit win in the Manual Crafts Section) plus winning one Award and receiving a Highly Commended rating for another entry in the ARFAA Competition.

What a great result!

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Gidgegannup Horse & Pony Club

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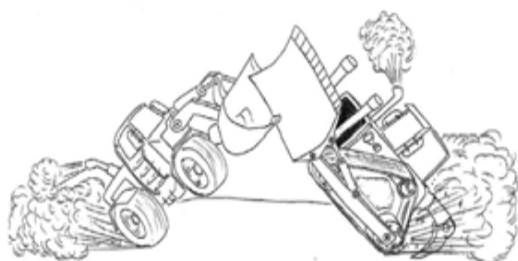
It was a perfect day for horse riding, the sun was shining, and there were many happy horses and riders.

The event was generously sponsored by Fulcrum Structural Engineering, Community Bank Mundaring, and Lilydale Road Quality Horse Rugs, and we thank them for their support.

Our Pony Club year is coming to its conclusion, however we welcome new riders for 2025 - please contact us if you are interested in joining our thriving club at gidgepcsecretary@outlook.com



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Gidgegannup Men's Shed News

Ian Stannard Pavilion
Gidgegannup Showgrounds

What an amazing Show Day! The best I've been to in my 14 years of living in Gidgegannup. Congratulations to Marcus and his team at the Gidgegannup Agricultural Society for doing such a brilliant job in organising such a complex and exciting event. Thank you to everyone who visited the Shed and supported us.

The Men's Shed had a very successful day and sales of items made at the Shed exceeded our expectations. Many thanks also to our members who assisted on the day and all those who volunteered their time to assist the Ag Society. Well done team and thanks again to the Agricultural Society for their remarkable efforts for the community of Gidgegannup.

President, GMS.

The Lions Skin Cancer Screening opportunity at the Showgrounds on Saturday 2nd November was fully booked.

New members are welcome to join in the fun. Group sessions include metalwork, woodwork, mosaics, music (*Shed Jam*) and the monthly social men's chat evening group.

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SEE YOU AT THE SHED



A big thank you to the Gidgegannup Agricultural Society for another successful show.

The weather was perfect and the people kept coming. To all those volunteers who worked tirelessly, thank you. To all those who enter their goods, art works, craft, thank you. To the City of Swan and other members of government who supported the event, thank you. And finally to everyone who attended, it would not have been so successful without you.

The CWA rooms, craft shop and Op shop were bustling with many happy customers and our delicious Devonshire teas sold out by 3pm.

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TRACTOR TALK

This month, with grass and weeds flourishing, we can take a look at the difference between a slasher and a flail mower. Both these implements are PTO driven and mounted on the three point linkage and both will cut the green vegetation but there are differences.

Slashers will just “*slash*” the vegetation and leave it in a windrow which can be unsightly and, because of our limited burning periods, the windrows will often lie in the paddock over summer and nothing will grow under them as sunlight, etc is blocked. Come autumn time and whatever grass can germinate will grow through the old windrow, making it difficult to burn when the opportunity arises. However, the slasher can be operated at higher ground speeds so will tend to get the job done a bit quicker and there is less maintenance on a slasher which basically just has a gearbox, whereas the flail mower has a gearbox, drive belts and rotor bearings.

Generally speaking, the flail mower will leave a much better finish and because of the mulching effect will return nutrients to the soil, resulting in healthier soils and pastures. Another advantage of the flail mower is that you can often run a slightly wider cut machine than a slasher, thus negating the slasher’s superior speed to some degree.

In regard to weight and overhang at the rear, I fitted both to a 30HP tractor I have here in stock and the 4ft slasher had a rear overhang of approximately 1500mm whereas the flail mower had an overhang of 750mm. This length can have a big effect on 3PL lift capacity, as the more overhang there is means the harder it is to lift and this is also likely to make the front of the tractor too light unless counterweighted.

Another advantage of less overhang is more manoeuvrability and with less overhang the turning circle is decreased and fencelines, etc are a little more accessible. Additionally, a flail mower can be offset to one side either hydraulically or mechanically to get even closer to those awkward spots. Flail mowers are generally the choice of orchardists and vineyards and can quite comfortably mulch up prunings.

Pricing used to preclude flail mowers as they were more expensive than slashers but nowadays the price difference is minimal and a flail mower is often less expensive than a slasher.

My own preference would be for a flail mower every time, but have a look at both and decide whether you would like to do the job a little quicker or end up with a much better finish and healthier pastures.



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78th Gidgegannup Agricultural Show prize winners

Section A: DAIRY GOATS

Supreme Champion - TJ & SE Blight
Joy Bowley Trophy & Sponsored Stockfeed West
Champion Junior Doe - TJ & SE Blight
Sponsored by Stockfeed West
Champion Senior Doe - TJ & SE Blight
Sponsored by Gidge Produce & Saddlery
Doe with best Udder - TJ & SE Blight
Sponsored by Dandalee Park
Supreme Champion Buck - TJ & SE Blight
Sponsored by Chidlow Post House

Section B: WOOL FLEECES

Champion Fleece - Karen Andrich
Sponsored by Gidge Rural
Most Points - Karen Andrich
Sponsored by Peter Stannard Family

Section C: CROP & FODDERS

Best Exhibit - Brad Degens
Sponsored by Gibson Raison Settlements

Section D: SHEEP

Champion Sheep Exhibit - Sarina Laurin
Sponsored by Stockfeed West
 Barbara Hurst/ Sarina Laurin
Sponsored by Gibson Raison Settlements

Section E: BEEF CATTLE

Supreme Champion - Brian & Angela White
Sponsored by Wayne Best Livestock Transport
Champion House Cow - Mary Ipkendanz
Sponsored by Gidge Rural

Section F: POULTRY

Champion Bird - Shane McNamara
Sponsored by Gidge Produce & Saddlery
Best Hard Feathered Bird - Shane McNamara
Sponsored by Thompson & Redwood
Best Soft Feathered Bird - Kyle Crane
Sponsored by Thompson & Redwood
Best Exhibit - Wyatt Crane
GAS Sash

Section FC: POULTRY (CHILDREN)

Most Points - Tristan Allan
Sponsored by Peter Stannard Family

Section G: BOER GOATS

Full Blood Registered Best Exhibit - Sarah Cook
Sponsored by Australian Boer Goat Society
Commercial Best Exhibit - Marion Cahill
Sponsored by Australian Boer Goat Society

Section H: ANGORA GOATS

Champion Exhibit - TJ & SE Blight
Sponsored by Dandalee Park

Section HF: MOHAIR FLEECE

Champion Fleece - TJ & SE Blight
Sponsored by Peter Stannard Family

Section I: PYGMY GOATS

Supreme Champion - Margaret Orr - Luina Blue
Sponsored by Kennel n Coops

Section J: EGGS

Best Exhibit - Fleur Robinson
Sponsored by Gibson Raison Settlements
Most Points - 6 way tie - Olivia Buckingham,
 Elyssa Knights, Zoe Moyses, Erika Punkka,
 Fleur Robinson, Lisa Robinson.
Sponsored by Biobean Coffee - draw for 2 winners

Section K: APICULTURE

Most Points - Jenna Cameron
Sponsored by Gidge Grog
Best Exhibit - Honey - Faye Cooper
Sponsored by Peter Stannard Family
Best Exhibit - Beeswax - Jenna Cameron
Sponsored by Peter Stannard Family

Section L: HOME GROWN

Best Exhibit - Vegetables - Ruth Goodchild
Sponsored by Green Life Soil Co
Best Exhibit - Fruit & Nuts - Ian Stannard
Sponsored by Green Life Soil Co
Most Points - Elyssa Knights
 & Wooroloo Prison Farm
Sponsored by Kay Williamson

Section M: FLORICULTURE

Gidgegannup Rose Championship - Sam Robson
Jean Wild Memorial Trophy
Best Exhibit - Roses - Margaret Poole
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Best Exhibit - Cut Specimens - Ian Stannard
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Best Exhibit - Formal Bowl/Vase - Cheryl INouye
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Best Exhibit - Pot Plants - Bayden Smith
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Best Exhibit - Hanging Containers - Hugh Burges
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Most Points - Dale Stannard
Sponsored by Chidlow Post House

Section N: HOME PRODUCE

Best Exhibit - Lynette Finn
Sponsored by Biobean Coffee
Most Points - Jean Witcombe
Sponsored by Jacky Burgess

Section O: COOKING

Most Points - Heather Bushby
Sponsored by Gidgegannup CWA
Best Exhibit - Bread - Nancy Prior
Sponsored by Gibson Raison Settlements
Best Exhibit - Open Cooking
Sponsored by Kelly Clements Simon/Vicki Hamersley
Best Exhibit - Cake Decorating - Tegan Eaton
Sponsored by Gibson Raison Settlements
Gidge Show Cake - Nancy Prior / Esme Caine
CWA Lamingtons - Lyndsay Clement
CWA Cookery Book

Section P: PHOTOGRAPHY

Most Points - Shannon Hicks
Sponsored by L & N Dahl
Best Exhibit - Monochrome - Elaine Watson
Sponsored by Noble Falls Tavern
Best Exhibit - Colour - Caroline Williams
Sponsored by Noble Falls Tavern

Section Q: NEEDLEWORK

Most Points - Toyah Scott
Sponsored by Noble Falls Tavern
Best Exhibit - Embroidery - Sue Temby
Sponsored by Gidge Rec Club
Best Exhibit - Patchwork - Margaret Baxter
Sponsored by Gidge Rec Club
Best Exhibit - Sewing - Caroline Skupin
Sponsored by Gidge Rec Club
Best Exhibit - Crochet - Georgie Callaway
Sponsored by Gidge Rec Club
Best Exhibit - Knitting - Jean Witcombe
Sponsored by Gidge Rec Club

Section R: CREATIVE CRAFT

Most Points - Caroline Skupin
Sponsored by Sponsored by Gidge Grog
Best Exhibit - Spinning - Lyn Blasgund
Sponsored by Simon & Vicki Hamersley
Best Exhibit - Handicraft - Mary Ipkendanz
Sponsored by Simon & Vicki Hamersley
Best Exhibit - Leatherwork - Miriam Hurst
Sponsored by Simon & Vicki Hamersley
Best Exhibit - Manual Craft - Wooroloo Prison Farm
Sponsored by Si
mon & Vicki Hamersley
Best Exhibit - Miscellaneous Crafts - Susan Yates
Sponsored by Simon & Vicki Hamersley

Section S: ART

Best Exhibit - Jesse Collins
Sponsored by Gloria Metcalf
Most Points - Claire Stratford
Sponsored by Noble Falls Tavern

Section S: ART CHILDREN

5 & Under - Emma Rosolin
Sponsored by Toy World
6,7,8 - Eliza Rosolin
Sponsored by Toy World
9,10,11 - James Lawson
Sponsored by Toy World
12,13,14 - Savannah Lawson
Sponsored by Toy World
15,16,17 - Thalia Buckingham
Sponsored by Toy World
Children Overall Winner
 - most points all ages - Savannah Lawson
Sponsored by Toy World & Peter Stannard
Adults - Most Points in the Hall
 Wooroloo Prison Farm ...To Be Decided
Most Points Agriculture - TJ & SE Blight
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The Australian Rustic Farm Art Awards

The Gidgegannup Agricultural Society, in partnership with the City of Swan, is proud to present the Australian Rustic Farm Art Awards, an outdoor exhibition of sculptures on display at the Gidgegannup Agricultural Show 2024.

Now in its third year, the Rustic Farm Art Award competition is a celebration of the creativity and ingenuity of rural Australians. The Awards were established in 2022 to provide a creative outlet for the Perth Hills community after the devastating Wooroloo bushfire.

Requirements are that sculptures fit within the genre of Farm Art/Assemblage which encompasses artworks made from scrap metal, broken-up machinery, timber and other farm related materials.

From June-October the community was invited to take part in a free public program of sculpture workshops and talks featuring local artists Martin Jaine, Brian Plank, Lee Potter & Sharon Peterkin.

The total prize pool of \$6,000 generously sponsored by Bendigo Community Bank Mundaring, CWA Gidgegannup, Embarr, Jessica Shaw MLA, new Swan Hills Candidate Michelle Maynard, Hon Lorna Harper MLC, Hon Martin Aldridge MLC and new Bullwinkel Candidate Mia Davies.

Judges for 2024 were:

- **Martin Jaine** – a farmer, antiques dealer and builder who now finds himself a sculptor. He started Martin Jaine Sculptures in 2011, where he focuses primarily on transforming various recycled materials, such as rustic metals, into stunning large scale artworks, and
- **Jessica Knight** – a multidisciplinary arts manager and curator



Heather Barrett, winner of the Local Artist Award with her entry "My Generation".

with a breadth of industry experience spanning 20 years. Jess lives and works in the Perth Hills and is currently Artistic Program Manager at the Mundaring and Midland Junction Arts Centres.

Guests on Show Day included Member for Swan Hills, Jessica Shaw MLA; the Hon Lorna Harper MLC; new Swan Hills Candidate, Michelle Maynard; President Gidgegannup Agricultural Society, Marcus Hemsted; Chairperson CWA Gidgegannup, Terrianne McDonald; Executive Officer Bendigo Community Bank Mundaring, Andrea Southam; new Bullwinkel Candidate, Mia Davies; Rustic Farm Art Award finalists.

2024 AWARD WINNERS & JUDGES' COMMENTS

HIGHLY COMMENDED The judges would like to commend the following artists whose work was in close contention for the prizes:

- Leigh Shersby for his work 'Shoo Fly Shoo'
- Wooroloo Prison Farm Metalshop Workers for their work 'Take A Seat'

\$3,500 BENDIGO COMMUNITY BANK MUNDARING OVERALL AWARD went to Scott Michell for his sculpture 'Sunnies'. The judges were impressed with the exceptional craftsmanship yet simplicity of the artwork's design and composition. Made from recycled steel, railway iron, brackets, chains and fittings, this sculpture is a quirky, delightful and joyous response to the theme whilst showcasing the creativity and ingenuity of rural Australians.

\$1,000 HON MARTIN ALDRIDGE MLC & BULLWINKEL CANDIDATE MIA DAVIES LOCAL ARTIST AWARD went to Heather Barrett for her sculpture 'My Generation'; only artists residing in the City of Swan were eligible for this Award. The judges commented: This artwork contains a beautiful story, reminding us of what we have inherited from the past, imbued with nostalgia and a powerful underlying message. This is a magical reinvention of recycled materials with a youthful sense of play.

\$1,000 JESSICA SHAW MLA, LORNA HARPER MLC & MICHELLE MAYNARD YOUTH AWARD went to Madaishe Gokora for their artwork 'Reclaimed Spirit'. Artists aged 15-25 were eligible to receive this Award and in evaluating the winner's exhibit, the judges commented: This artwork has a subtle beauty within a strong abstract composition. Reclaimed Spirit showcases the transformation of discarded materials, symbolically linking Australia and Africa with a personal message of creativity and resilience.

\$500 EMBARR PEOPLE'S CHOICE AWARD went to Wooroloo Prison Farm Metalshop Workers for their sculpture 'Eagle'.

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Well now the Show is done and dusted it's time to get a move on with 2025 Field Day to be held on Sunday 25th May 2025 - just over 6 months away. Fortunately the bones of the event come together very quickly but it's in that multitude of extras that need to be done where our Progress Report comes into play. The Progress Report starts on the day after the Field Day and keeps going until the day of the event and in this way everyone knows their jobs and when they need to be completed.

We now have our brain storming meeting and followed by a meeting with The Countryman and the process takes off.

So, what we want from you, our community, are your brilliant ideas: what you like, what you don't like and when we give a cry for help for the day, which we will, you come along and help us out. *We do descend to bribery.*

Our contacts are above and also our Facebook page is already working away. The community website will have our contacts, including phone numbers.

In the meantime enjoy the Spring and have a wonderful Christmas because in January we will be full on.

Thanks,
Sally



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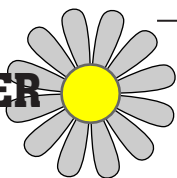




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IN THE NOVEMBER GARDEN...

- **Check your garlic!** When the tops are yellowing (*and only a quarter of the leaves are still green*) carefully run your fingers down the stem to check on the bulb development. When the bulbs are picked too soon they are classified as 'wet garlic'; they need to dry off a little in the ground as it's this drying off process that allows the papery walls to form between the individual cloves. By carefully digging around your garlic you can gauge where your crop is at. Once harvested, don't wash the bulbs, allow them to dry, out of the sun, for a couple of weeks.
- **Get your herbs going!** Many herbs respond to the warmer weather. Plant them into improved soil and water regularly to be enjoying fresh and flavourful herbs for your summer entertaining and Christmas cooking. It's the PERFECT time to plant Basil – the fabulous companion plant and flavour partner to your Tomato crop.
- **Re-wet your soil:** If soil is 'hard' and/or hydrophobic, re-wet it - use a good quality soil wetter and spend the time to work the water into the soil. Remember if you have clay in your base soil, it will take a lot to re-wet it, as clay holds many times its own weight in water.
- **Mulch:** Now is the perfect time to get some mulch on your garden. The Water Corporation recommends using a chunky, coarse mulch (*"one that would hurt to walk on with bare feet"*) in a depth of about 75mm. For vegetable gardens, most people prefer using a straw-based mulch which breaks down to add organic matter to the soil after a season.
- Blossom end rot is a condition many summer vegie crops get (*especially Tomatoes and Capsicum*), caused by irregular watering impacting calcium uptake. So whatever your watering regime is, stick to it as much as possible. Make sure all your retic is working, sprinklers aren't blocked, etc.

- **Thin your stone fruit:** This means you'll end up with larger and better-quality fruit with the ones you leave on the tree. Organise your bird and/or fruit fly netting or exclusion bags now so that fruit is protected by the time it starts to soften and be vulnerable.
- **It's the perfect time of year for many vegetables and herbs.** Here's what we'd suggest you try planting: Globe artichokes, Asian Greens, Basil, Beans (*Snake Beans are a heat-loving variety*), Beetroot, Capsicum, Chilli, Carrots, Celery, Choko, Cucumber, Eggplant, Ginger, Leek, Lettuce, Melons, Mint, Okra, Parsley, Pumpkin, Radish, Rocket, Rosella, Silverbeet, Spring Onion, Squash, Strawberries, Sweet Corn, Sweet Potato, Tomato, Zucchini.
- **Don't forget to include some flowering plants/annuals with your vegies** - they add lovely colour and help with attracting all the good bugs and pollinators to your patch. A tip I once received from a biodiversity specialist is to plant lots of yellow and blue flowering plants as insects seem to prefer these and it will help build the food chain. (*Did you know that most insects can't see red?*)

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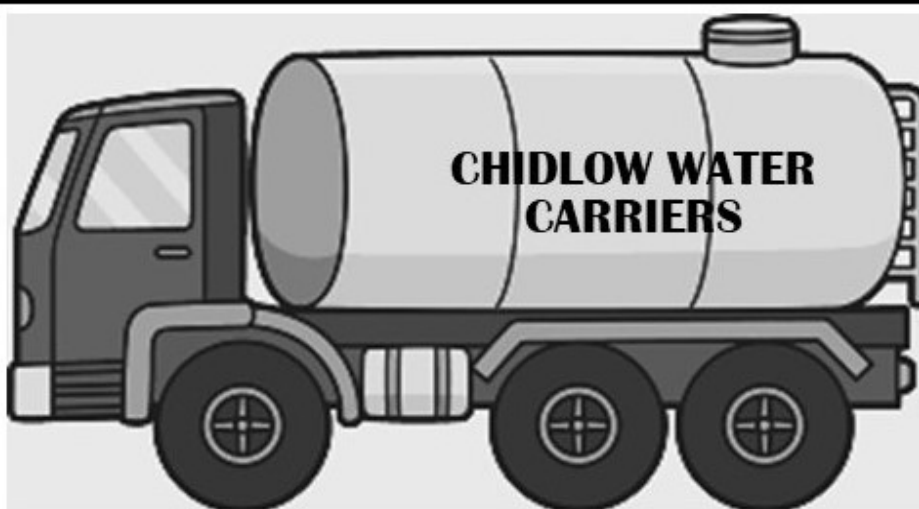
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Fire News and Advice - October 2024

Bush is rapidly drying and pasture well into curing. Longer days and warmer temps are accelerating these processes, increasing likely fire behaviour. While some areas have had significant rain, others have had relatively little. Recent hazard reduction burns in some areas have shown very active fire behaviour even soon after light to moderate rainfall.

Seasonal outlooks show significantly below average chance of rainfall over the next two to three weeks, then trending to about average through to December, but higher than average max/min temps right through to end of December. However as recent years have shown, *what is normal/average?*

Important dates

Restricted Burning Time - permits required

- Shire of Toodyay ends 31st October - City of Swan ends 30th November

Prohibited Burning Time

- Shire of Toodyay 1st November - 9th March
- City of Swan 1st December - 31st March

Note these times are sometimes altered due to seasonal conditions - you need to keep up to date with this information and a good way is to join the SMS notification service offered by your Local Government.

For more info:

<https://www.toodyay.wa.gov.au/resident-services/fire-information/fire-restrictions-and-permits.aspx>

<https://www.swan.wa.gov.au/services-and-community/emergency-management/burning-restrictions-and-permits-to-burn>

What is your plan in case of bushfire?

A wise person said *"planning to make a plan is not a plan"*. Unfortunately too many don't even get as far as that preliminary step, let alone having a well thought out plan in place for themselves and their family. More on this subject in the next Gidgegram but a visit to <https://www.dfes.wa.gov.au/hazard-information/bushfire#latest-campaign> is recommended to kick start the process. You can also seek advice through your Local Government and Brigades.

East Gidgegannup VBFB Tech Tips


Accessed through the East Gidgegannup Volunteer Bush Fire Brigade Facebook Page, these are short video clips providing

advice on range of simple measures you can take to enhance fire prevention and protection. Not just relevant to the Gidge area - a great initiative and well done by East Gidge VBFB.

Slashing and mowing – can be risky business!

As grasses and pastures cure, these activities contribute to a significant portion of late spring and early summer fires, some of them very large. Causes can be blades, etc striking rocks or odd bits of metal, grass debris build-up in contact with hot exhausts etc, and mechanical failure.

Contributing factors include carrying out these activities at inappropriate times, and not having an effective means of fire suppression handy. Best done on cooler low wind days and/or at cooler times of day. This reduces the risk of a fire starting in the first place, and makes it easier to control if the worst happens.



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Also make sure that you regularly check/clean around hot exhausts etc. Finally have an effective means of suppression handy, for example some form of fire unit which is ready to go on site. All but the smallest properties should have some form of fire unit immediately available on site. If nothing else, have a pack spray or 9L stored pressure water extinguisher on hand, it may be better than nothing, and immediate application may mean a very small fire doesn't get away.

Water tanks – what fittings should you have?

Having a readily available water supply very close to buildings, etc which you wish to protect could make all the difference to saving them. Standard for private water tanks is to have a 50mm MALE camlock fitting with a full flow valve on the tank - all fire brigade units should have adaptors for their suction hoses to connect - this means that even your typical Landcruiser brigade units, or properly equipped private fire units can sit alongside your house and continuously through pump water for at least an hour or so to protect it – whereas if depending on their own tank they would run out in 5 to 10 mins. However this is not much use if the tank/outlet is some distance away or if the tank is difficult to access. Note also that brigades are trained to position on the opposite side of the house from an approaching fire and run hoses around, far safer; this should also be your own strategy if staying and defending.

Make sure you can do the same with your own fire unit or a portable firefighting pump and hose using the same 50mm male camlock outlet - this also reduces your reliance on electric powered pumps.

An alternative is rigging a suction line from the swimming pool!

Fire Danger Ratings

After a very "rocky" start several years ago, the Australian Fire Danger Rating system which is in use nationally has improved significantly. For more background on how the system works you might wish to go to <https://afdrs.com.au/>

Make yourself aware of the Fire Danger Rating for each day, as this will govern to some extent what you should or should not do to reduce risk. The ratings are also associated with actions you should take if a fire could potentially threaten you.

Ratings for each district area are based on calculated Fire Behaviour Indices for several types of fuel relevant to your region. For example in Swan Inland North, which includes the distribution area of the Gidgegram, the predominant fuels that are considered are grassland, forest, woodland and shrubland.

For today's Fire Danger Rating best refer to <https://www.emergency.wa.gov.au> and click on the rainbow icon at the

top. You can also check on the BOM website; however be cautioned that this is usually updated soon after 4:00pm each day and then refers to the NEXT, not the current day.

For our area the Perth homepage <http://www.bom.gov.au/wa/forecasts/perth.shtml> gives Fire Danger Ratings for 4 districts - the one that is relevant to us is Swan Inland North.

You can also see more detail and 4 day predictions of Fire Behaviour Index at <http://www.bom.gov.au/wa/forecasts/fire-danger-ratings.shtml>

Next month we'll talk more about planning for when bush fire threatens, Total Fire bans and Harvest and Vehicle Movement Bans and more! Stay safe.

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